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DOZENS OF VOLUNTEERS EXPECTED FOR ANTI-DRUG SIGN-WAVING IN MILILANI, WAIPAHU

Dozens of volunteers in the communities of Mililani and Waipahu are expected this afternoon between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. as part of a statewide sign-waving effort against drugs, one day after the television premiere of a locally produced movie on Hawaii's "ice epidemic."

Ice, or crystal methamphetamine, has been the target of a multi-pronged crackdown on drugs that has been building statewide momentum since initial community-based efforts began, including those pioneered by City Councilmember Nestor Garcia months ago in his district communities of Mililani and Waipahu.

In Mililani Town today, sign wavers will be gathering in two areas: 1) near Recreation Center V, and 2) along Kamehameha Highway where it intersects Lanikuhana Avenue. Sign wavers are being asked to wear light blue tops or shirts.

In Waipahu, Garcia recently challenged his constituents to answer the call in the battle against ice. The latest indications are that dozens of volunteers are stepping up to join the fight, including members of area schools, community organizations, and churches. They will be lining Farrington Highway near Waipahu High School.

"It's crystal clear that people want their communities back from the incorrigible people who profit from this poison. It is time to take this collective desire of the people and transform it into actions that put the hard-core dealers and users in jail while providing treatment and support for ice victims," Garcia said.

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